

Higgs Beach

Requests for Improvement

Compiled from public input (2/2009 – 3/2009)

* NOTE: Those items that are **BOLD** indicate requests from multiple groups

OVERSIGHT

Create oversight board
Create master plan

SECURITY & HEALTH & SAFETY

Crosswalk
Bathroom renovation
Traffic control (speed bumps)
Consistency in law enforcement message
Call boxes
Keep it friendly
Pest Control (fire ants, ticks and fleas)

IMPROVED LIGHTING

Bathrooms
Tennis courts
Dog park
Pavilions
Volleyball courts

WATER QUALITY & BEACHES

Improve water quality - Reroute storm runoff outflow
Seaweed is a problem
Flags communicating level of water quality
Clean jellyfish off beach
Net around swimming area
Improved Marine Park

SHADE & LANDSCAPING (general / playground)

Keep open areas open and green
Improved aesthetics (park entrances)
African Cemetery Memorial

CONCESSIONS / RENTALS / VENDORS

Tennis Pro Shop with rental
Bike, Scooter, etc. rental
Kayak rentals
Bus stop / Trolley stop
“hotdog” shack for playground area

COMMUNICATION

Rules & Regulations & “How to Rent pavilions” signs and on web site

Publicize dog park web site

Pamphlets on how to reserve pavilion, playground, etc.

FACILITIES

Paint – color scheme / rust inhibitor

Inventory and condition / ADA of water fountains

Redo sea wall to the pier to prevent erosion

First aid stations

Family bathroom on playground side of park

Improved sidewalk for better biking, rollerblading & athletic trail

New playground

Better trash & recycling (including playground)

Additional bike racks

Add benches

Need more picnic tables

Improved parking by dog park and Salute

ATHLETICS AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Additional volleyball courts

Basketball court

Skate park open when kids are not in school (don't close it at 5pm)

Roller skating rink in the back behind Astro Park with roller-skating every Friday night

Play areas around entire park for children (swings, etc.)

Kite boarding

Ultimate Frisbee / Frisbee golf

5k running track with 1-2 mini exercise stations

Weights, resistance training, yoga, cardio, meditation

Snorkeling, swimming, kayaking

Shuffleboard / handball courts

DOG PARK

Move bulletin board inside

Replace broken chairs

Paint pavilions, clean tables, repair benches

EVENTS / FUND RAISING / REVENUE SOURCES

Concerts for kids once a month featuring teen garage bands

Donating opportunities (dog park)

Create non-profit oversight board / entity for fund raising

More funding for African Cemetery Memorial

Volleyball tournaments

Tennis Pro Shop

Clothing Optional Beach

Public Vegetable Garden (behind dog park / adjacent to FAA tower)